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APPLICANT: BARRY HUBBARD, et al)
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RESPONSE A WITH AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, Paper No. 6, mailed May 21, 2003 applicants request entry of this Response A With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition

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for a two-month extension of time and check no. 6897 appropriate in amount to cover the corresponding fee are also enclosed.